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PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1714**

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In re: Carbonell et al.
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For: METHOD AND COMPOSITIONS FOR PROTECTING CIVIL INFRASTRUCTURE

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

This Amendment After Final is responsive to the final Office Action (the Action) mailed November 4, 2002. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and allowance of the present application. Alternatively, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment as narrowing the issues for further consideration. A "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made" is attached.

In the Claims:

Please replace the currently pending claims with the following clean version of the claims, in which Claims 15-22, 34, and 43 have been amended, and Claims 33, 35-42, and 44-51 are unamended:

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15. (Thrice Amended) A composition useful for protecting civil infrastructure, said composition comprising:

- a solvent consisting essentially of carbon dioxide; and
- between about 0.1 and 20 percent of a fluoropolyether, said fluoropolyether having at least one anchoring group covalently joined thereto.

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16. (Amended) The composition according to claim 15, wherein said fluoropolyether is a perfluoropolyether.